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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated December 3, 2008, wherein the Examiner has required an election of claims, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present

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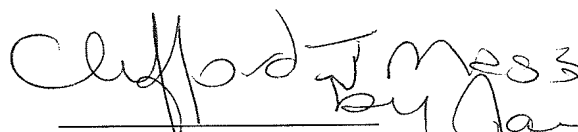

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application the claims of Group VI, i.e. claims 13 and 14 drawn to a method of identifying EMCR-CoV using nucleic acid. The election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicants have complied with all requirements in the Official Action and now respectfully request an action on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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